



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: INK WASTAGE ABSORBER AND INK SUPPORTER

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2003, in which the Examiner set forth a three-month period for response, making a response timely if filed on or before September 17, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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